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ALEXANDRIA FOR AMBASSADOR FROM E/C COUNSELOR

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: ETRD, EG
SUBJECT: GOE REJECTS IMPORT RESTRICTIONS

1. CAIRO PRESS REPORTS THAT MINISTRY OF TRADE HAS ISSUED
MEMORANDUM STATING THAT MINISTRY REFUSES TO BAR OR RESTRICT
(PRESUMABLY BY IMPOSITION OF QUOTAS) IMPORTS OF FINISHED AND
INTERMEDIATE GOODS. MINTRADE MEMORANDUM IS IN REPLY TO REQUEST
BY CERTAIN PUBLIC SECTOR INDUSTRIAL COMPANIES FOR RESTRICTIONS
WHICH WOULD CURB IMPORTS AND STRENGTHEN LOCAL MARKET FOR
DOMESTICALLY PRODUCED GOODS.

2. NEGATIVE MINTRADE REPLY, ACCORDING PRESS, WAS ON GROUND THAT
SUCH RESTRICTIONS WOULD VIOLATE "OPEN DOOR" POLICY ESPOUSED BY
GOE. EFFECT OF THIS "LIBERAL" POSTURE WAS SOMEWHAT DIMINISHED,
HOWEVER, BY REPORTED SUGGESTION IN MIN TRADE MEMO THAT TO PROTECT
LOCAL INDUSTRIES, CUSTOMS DUTIES ON FINISHED GOODS MIGHT BE
RAISED AND GOE FURTHER MIGHT SUBSIDIZE PRODUCTION OF INTERMEDIATE
GOODS TO MAKE THEM CHEAPER FOR DOMESTIC FINISHED-GOODS MANUFACTURERS
TO BUY.

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3. COMMENT: AS PREVIOUS EMBASSY REPORTING HAS INDICATED,
GOE IS UNDER PRESSURE FROM A NUMBER OF QUARTERS TO CURB CONSUMER
IMPORTS. CRITICS CHARGE THAT CURRENT RELATIVELY PERMISSIVE
POLICY ON IMPORTS NOT ONLY ENCOURAGES UNPRODUCTIVE USE OF
RESOURCES, BUT EXACERBATES SOCIAL TENSIONS AS WELL. IN
ADDITION, THERE ARE IMPORTANT INTERESTS (COMPLAINING FIRMS ARE

EXAMPLES) WHICH ARE ADVERSELY AFFECTED ECONOMICALLY BY PRESENT
TRENDS. IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, PUBLIC DEFENSE BY MINTRADE OF
OPEN DOOR IMPORT POLICY -- DESPITE BEING TEMPERED BY SUGGESTIONS OF
HIGHER DUTIES AND FURTHER SUBSIDIES -- CAN BE INTERPRETED AS
SIGN OF CONTINUING GOE COMMITMENT TO ECONOMIC LIBERALIZATION.
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